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1. RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, MARITAL COUNSELING WITH COUPLES, AND WITH COUPLES IN GROUPS, IS NOW A REGULAR PART OF YTC PROGRAM. IT IS NOT JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY INCREMENTAL STAFF PER SE.

2. DR. KNOWLES HAS MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT THE YTC IS NOT A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, AND IT IS NOT ENVISAGED THAT IN THE FUTURE IT WILL HAVE THE FUNDS OR STAFF OR PROGRAM TO MEET SUCH A DEMAND. SINCE IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN WASHINGTON THAT DR. KNOWLES IS THE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IT IS IMPORTANT WASHINGTON IDENTIFY ANY PROBLEMS THEY MAY HAVE WITH THE SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES, SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS BELOW, THAT DR. KNOWLES CONSIDERS IMPORTANT INSOFAR AS YTC OPERATIONS FOR FY 1975.

3. YTC WOULD SEE ANY INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY, ON WALK-INOR APPOINTMENT BASIS, FOR AT LEAST AN INITIAL INTERVIEW, TO SERVE AT THE VERY LEAST AS A REFERRAL RESOURCE.

4. IN GENERAL, PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN, IN OFFERING ACTUAL TREATMENT, TO ADOLESCENTS BETWEEN 12-18, WHOSE PROBLEMS INCLUDE DRUG-DEPENDENCE OR EXPERIMENTATION WITH DRUGS THAT THREATENS THE ADOLESCENT'S ABILITY TO RESOLVE NORMAL DEVELOPMENTAL

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PROBLEMS.

5. FOR MORE DISABLED YOUNGSTERS, THE RESIDENTIAL OR DAY CARE PROGRAM WOULD ABSORB THOSE THEN UNABLE TO MANAGE SCHOOL AND NORMAL SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS. FOR LESS DISABLED ADOLESCENTS, SEVERAL TREATMENT MODES WOULD BE AVAILABLE. PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHOSE FAMILIES WERE INTERESTED IN ENTERING FAMILY TREATMENT TO DEAL WITH WHAT THEY SAW AS A SHARED CRISIS.

6. IN CASES WHERE THIS WAS NOT THE TREATMENT OF CHOICE, THE ADOLESCENT MIGHT BE ADMITTED TO A GROUP OF AGE-PEERS WITH A RANGE OF PROBLEMS AND CHARACTER STYLES. HIS PARENTS, AS WELL AS OTHER MARRIED COUPLES, NOT NECESSARILY WITH TEEN-AGERS ALSO IN TREATMENT, MIGHT BE INDUCTED INTO A GROUP OF COUPLES FACING SIMILAR CRISES, WITH VARYING PERSONAL RESOURCES.

7. THE NEXT LOWER PRIORITY WOULD BE ASSIGNED THOSE ADOLESCENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR WHOM DRUGS PER-SE WERE NOT THE PRESENTING PROBLEM BUT WHOSE PROBLEMS HAD OUTRUN THE SCHOOLS AND PARENTS CAPACITIES TO MANAGE.

8. ABOVE SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES WOULD ALLOW YTC TO SELECT THOSE CLIENTS THEY COULD ADEQUATELY HANDLE, AND REFER ELSEWHERE THOSE THEY COULD NOT--FOR EXAMPLE, CHRONIC SEVERE HEROIN ADDICTS, CLEAR SUICIDAL RISKS, AND, WHEN NECESSARY, VERY LONG TERM CASES.

9. YTC WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE RESTRICTIVE DEFINITIONS OF THE CLIENT POPULATION DURING BUSY TIMES, AND A BROADER DEFINITION DURING SLACK TIMES.

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